

Department of the Navy

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New DON CIO Selected to Replace Dave Wennergren

The Secretary of the Navy, Donald C. Winter, has selected Mr. Robert J. Carey to serve as the Department of the Navy Chief Information Officer (DON CIO). Mr. Carey will replace Mr. David M. Wennergren, who has taken a position as deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for information management and technology and Department of Defense deputy CIO.

Mr. Carey joined DON CIO in 2000, and in December 2002 was promoted to DON deputy CIO for policy and integration. As deputy CIO, he served as the principal adviser to the CIO and was responsible for managing and leading the DON CIO staff and developing strategies for achieving information management (IM) and information technology (IT) enterprise integration across the Department of the Navy. He has been a driving force for change, championing several successful initiatives including the creation of a single common access card for the Department of Defense. At the present time, Mr. Carey is on active duty deployed in Iraq.

Mr. Carey's appointment was based on his years of leadership and management experience throughout the DoD engineering, acquisition and IM/IT communities, coupled with his superb team building and interpersonal skills, and persistence in building strong ties among the Secretariat, the fleet and resource sponsors.

Mr. John J. Lussier, who was serving as acting DON deputy CIO in Mr. Carey's absence, will serve as acting DON CIO until Mr. Carey's return in early 2007.

Mr. Lussier was the director of operations with responsibility for all personnel, budgetary, financial and contractual management for the DON CIO. Additionally, he was dual-hatted as the telecommunications, spectrum and wireless team leader, responsible for policy formulation and strategic planning for Department-wide telecommunications, spectrum and wireless initiatives.

For more information about the work of the DON CIO, go to the DON CIO Web site at <http://www.doncio.navy.mil>.

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Nov. 9, 2006 – SPAWAR has assisted in the integration of JIISO products to global forces as seen here in Stuttgart, Germany. Capt. Kay Hire, then JIISO program manager, discusses JIISO products with Navy Cmdr. Greg Stephens, left, and Air Force Maj. Kevin Wesley, both from U.S. European Command International Interoperability, Concepts and Experimentation (ECJ9). Department of Defense photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Devin L. Fisher.

To address these issues, the JIISO produced an integration and interoperability handbook, a Situational Awareness Systems Guide, computer-based training applications and also developed and tested Special Operations and conventional forces integration and interoperability checklists based on analytical processes.

JIISO handbooks and systems guides contain tactics, techniques and procedures to improve the effectiveness of integrated conventional and Special Operations Forces, and streamline interoperability between U.S. combatant commands and global war on terrorism partners.

The checklists and associated handbook have been well received by units preparing for deployment and currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Army has also adopted JIISO products for inclusion in its professional development courses.

A digital copy of the handbook has been posted on Army, Navy, Marine, Special Operations Forces and USJFCOM Web sites and is available on the SIPRNET at <http://jiiso.jte.osd.smil.mil>.

The success the JIISO had in reducing fratricide potential, promoting more timely actions and fewer missed opportunities for the warfighter, led to its nomination as the integration and interoperability branch within U.S. Special Operations Command. As a result, effective Dec. 1, 2006, the JIISO JT&E team was incorporated into the USSOCOM Special Operations Knowledge and Futures Directorate J7.

As the host combatant commander for the Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration scheduled for June 2007, U.S. European Command will incorporate JIISO products into CWID 2007. CWID will be conducted at Kelley Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany, and at multiple sites across the United States.

The SPAWAR JIISO team will continue to provide support.

Capt. James P. Idle is the SPAWAR program manager for the JIISO team. Capt. Kay Hire is the former SPAWAR program manager for the JIISO team.

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